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OF

THE PROPHECIES

OF

MR. RICHARD BROTHERS,

Astrologically accounted for,

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INTRODUCTION.

I DISAGREE very much with those unbelieving gentry who are bold enough to assert that "vulgar prophecies have as malign an influence upon the state, religion, the understanding, and common life, as prodigies;" because I do assert to those wiseacres, that there is no such influence, except they think so; and that never a prophecy was uttered without a prodigy to accompany it: this I prove from a child with two heads, having been brought into the world, much about the time that my *very enlightened* relation, *Richard Brothers*, issued forth his *Revealed knowledge of the Prophecies and Times, which contain many great and remarkable things, not revealed to any other person upon earth*, I except however myself, his heir and successor, who have a *deputed authority* to declare MY "*Sign of Warning, for the Benefit of all Nations*," I must confess, not as a *Prince and Prophet*, but as a
Diviner,

Diviner, Capnomancer, Augurer, Sooth-fayer; Chiromancer, &c. &c. without any disparagement, I trust, to those who very far exceed me in outward wisdom; confiding, however, in the occult knowledge I possess, as *fully* in my branch of revelation, as my much respected, much approved, and much enlightened *Cozen*, the PROPHET !

But not being either a Prince and Prophet in the Divine Right, which my *highly honoured* Lord and Cozen declares he is, I cannot make so free with names and titles, as he has very freely done; consequently, I am compelled, *though much against my will*, to use only initials, where any thing is very striking; because I am not so innately armed, as to abstract all fear of imprisonment, pillory, and hanging. However, this I will be bold enough to affirm, that I shall speak plainly enough to be understood; and those who do not believe, may keep on in their stiffneckedness, and be finally held in--*a State of Reprobation*, for their infidelity.

FURTHER TESTIMONIES, &c.

BEFORE I commence my judgment upon the very extraordinary and ominous aspects I am about to discourse of, I must be compelled to step out of the way merely to condemn, interdict and anathematize, a most unjust and illiberal assertion ag^t the verity of late Prophecies; which, for the benefit of my readers, and as a conviction to their senses, whether the arguments be true or false, I leave in their breasts to determine. The unbeliever sets out by saying with a truth which he cannot deny, that "The soul of man was made for intimacy and converse with God, and therefore in a tacit sense thereof, is continually reaching and aspiring after him." He spoils all however by adding "That arrogance and pride having blinded its eye, it is apt to effect and seek him (*mind*) in fond and fantastic ways; and that whereas good men are *become familiar with God by holy practices*, by profound humility, by abstractions from the world and vanity; others have conceited it to be procured and maintained by *departing from Reason*, by *Raptures*, by *Visions*, by *Prophecies*, by *Enthusiasms*, and by *hot and vigorous Impressions of Spirit*; and have truly thought, as the ancient heathens

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did by their prophets, that they are scarcely ever *full* of God, till they are *half beside themselves!*"

Now I would wish to know by what authority the declaimer founds this argument; when, with all the truth, all the latitude, all the dignity that a *true* Prophet can express, my much honored *cozen* delivers himself in this express manner: "The following are the words which the Lord God (*mind*) spoke to me in a vision, soon after I was *commanded* to write and make known his judgments, for the good of London and general benefit of all nations: *There is no other man under the whole heaven that I discover the errors of the Bible to, and reveal a knowledge how to correct them, so that they may be restored as they were in the beginning---BUT YOURSELF!!!*"

Pray what impropriety is there in all this? If my *cozen* is thus endowed with those discerning qualities which neither old Cranmer, Parker, or any of those ignorant sectaries, did possess, but who took upon them to translate the Bible according to their ignorant and vulgar fancies, and for which some of them were *absolutely roasted alive*, I do not see that we have any right or authority to say that any *madness*, *folly*, or even its *opposite*, should be attached to Mr. Brothers, when he tells us, that he is *commanded* to send to press another edition of the Bible in an *entirely new sense*.

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And this being granted, we have no reason to doubt, but that in the same manner that a knowledge of the gospel and how to preach it was *revealed* to St. Paul, a knowledge of futurity and those parts of scripture which he has constantly mentioned, were *revealed* to Mr. *Richard Brothers*!

I cannot avoid being thus particular; because as I am so very nearly related to the Prophet, it behoves me to stand forth a staunch advocate for his predictions, more especially as I feel myself in a manner interested to combat every opinion of those who have absurdly taken upon them to say that "His crazy fancy has dubbed every illusive dream a prophetic vision!" I leave such cabalists to the shipwreck of their own narrow and contracted minds, and shall proceed with the important business I am now about to perform.

At the remarkable period of which I am to discourse, the Moon was scarcely above the cusp of the ascendant, on which the double bodied sign Gemini is posited, and which is unhappily, according to my predecessors, declared to be the significator of the city of London; she had just separated from a trine aspect of the Sun and Mercury, and was applying not only to this awful square of Mars; but to an opposition of Venus, that implied, in another degree, the many tribulations which this unhappy country is finally

to experience---if some more benevolent aspect does not intervene as a timely prevention, in allusion to that observation *Astra regunt homines---sed Deus Astra regit!*

It is a very singular fact that on *this inauspicious day*, the L--ds of P--t should assemble and go to the Abbey; as if it had been *predetermined* that on the baneful occasion, they should *themselves* be witnesses of some of the very extraordinary tokens which appeared about this time to be the harbingers of woes unknown to man, to woman, to child, or even to the brute creation! for it is *possible* they may all feel what I, with pain, am about to relate.

Much about the time that the Moon had been upon the ascendant, the Sun being in the tenth house or house of honor, with the *Cauda Draconis*, the L--ds Sp ----l and Temp---l in p-----t assembled, moved in solemn procession into the church and took their seats, it being a very cold day; for Saturn the greater infortune was in the 12th or house of affliction, in the intercepted sign Taurus.

I do not, in any degree approve of the many jokes and light observations on Omens as well as the Prophecies I have already discoursed of, because it puts *discerning* people from their guard, who should ever be watchful of extraordinary emotions

emotions of nature, to perceive what great and remarkable event was foreshewn ; for it is not an unapt quotation from the poet, who observes,

“ From trifling causes great effects may rise.”

If then Omens, &c. are to be credited, how vain, how futile are those, who say that “ some men, though it be a weakness in them too prodigious for laughter, seem to give a more easy credit to a phœnomenon in the clouds, a castle in the air, or a man of straw that is too wet or too compact to burn, than the reasonings of wise men ; and to receive a meteor, thought to fall on the Parliament House, with more awful regards, than all the authority, gravity, and wisdom, that dwells *in that house of public judgement* ! There is great reason to disabuse their minds, and to shew that such prodigies, like some terrible dreams, are frightful to them, only because---*they are asleep* !---and that neither kingdoms nor men are to be governed by fancies, ---but by counsels !”

What conviction does all this convey ! when it is evident that seeing is believing ; and if we have the evidences of our own senses, how shameful is it to deny us what our faculties have such a just right to experience ; of course I cannot but very fairly condemn the opinions of those who are bold enough to vaunt forth their reproaches, by telling

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us, "How mean a regard shall the issues of the severest debates, and the commands of authority find, if every pitiful Prodigy-monger have credit enough with the people to blast them, by telling them that God writes his displeasure against them in black and visible characters, when some sad accident befalls the compliers with them? Easy men will quickly be affrighted from obedience by such images of straw, as the relations of monsters and strange sights are, unless we lead them up to them, and shew them to be devoid of life and power, truth or signification: and certainly that man is strangely commanded by religion, who heartily complies with the present laws and governors, whilst he imagines some Prophecy or Prodigy to encourage the sudden expectation of some strange change of affairs in the state." I am quite sick of such argumentizing! for it is evident, from the tenor of it, that it is a very open insult, not only to what I am going to say, but also to the enlightened understanding, as well as high treason and sedition against the princely person and message of the Prophet, my highly favoured Cozen, RICHARD BROTHERS, *God's Nephew, the exalted Prophet, and Prince of the Jews!*

To shew how much I am bound to despise such profane insinuations, I proceed to my judgment. Scarcely had the B-----p begun his sermon, before

fore the malevolent aspects began to display their effects; nor did they cease their influence, till, at the very moment that he was praising the blessings enjoyed under the present Constitution, the malign effects of the quartile began to appear; for, wonderful to relate! terrible to think on! the CUSHION tumbled from the PULPIT into the very aisle of the church!!! What astonishment did it not produce among the spectators!---Indeed some of them became infinitely inspired, and wisely foretold the catastrophe, which, from this most dismal circumstance, must happen!

This was not all; for, as if the malevolence of the aspect were determined to shed every ill which it had power to inflict, the L---d Ch-----r slipped backwards as he descended from his seat, and had not a guinea in his pocket, but was compelled to borrow TWO HALF GUINEAS from his attendants, to put in the large altar gilt dish---for the benefit of the poor!

Let the consequence be what it may, I am commanded, from these concurrent circumstances, to give the following judgement, and let no one dare, as my Cozen observes, “ to say it is false; that I am mad, an Impostor, have a Devil, or am out of my senses; ” for I have his very great authority to add, that this—constitutes the sin of blasphemy!!! I have therefore a hope, that every one, whom it may concern, will be aware of the heavy denunciation pronounced

pronounced by these most horrid configurations; and, *if possible*, avoid in some degree the shocking and alarming epocha which every *good* man has reason to dread.

That the French will be here, *have we any reason to doubt?* (their satellites having already made their appearance) for the aspects are not in the benefic; and, according to my knowledge of the divining arcana, it is not improbable but they may arrive, under the command of their great General Pichegru, nearly about, if my judgment does not fail me,

THE FIRST OF APRIL !

It is not improbable but he may be present when the lions are washed in state, and that he will meet with *many friends*, who will hold THE FIRST OF APRIL sacred, and take him into their houses; and, after lowering THE STANDARD OF GREAT BRITAIN from the Tower of London, replace, in its room, the tri-coloured French Republican Flag, in honour of the *happy* confraternity of the *humane*, the *philosophic*, the *generous*, *law-giving* sons of *French Liberty!!!* This I take upon me to predict, on account of the Moon's having just separated from the trines above-mentioned.

I make no doubt but, *when this shall happen*, bloody and horrid destruction will be the consequence;

quence; and it may be probable---not to say possible---for that remarkable prophecy to come to pass, " When London shall be visited by an earthquake, and a tenth part of it destroyed; and in that tenth part, about 7000 persons will be killed; and that the Thames, by a paralytic concussion, shall cease to flow, and form a chasm capable of ingulphing in its unmerciful stomach so much of the river and the three bridges, as shall serve as a decent breakfast for such a craving, voracious appetite; unless the great evil should, peradventure, be allayed, by the Prince and Prophet being conveyed towards *Leather-head*, and by another prayer and fasting for *three days and three nights*, in the open fields, as by many very edifying intelligences has been advanced, and may be the means of convincing all unbelievers what credit is due to the further completion of *his most wonderful predictions*: I am glad that, in consequence of his amazing foreknowledge, he is himself removed from the horrid scene, which he so HOLILY foretells, that he may not experience the shock the earthquake and waterquake may occasion, and that he will be preserved, to pour forth his *benevolent* prophecies for the good of mankind in general, and of these kingdoms in particular, who cannot but be benefited by such DIVINE EXHALATIONS! I cannot help subjoining on this occasion, a very

apposite and just idea concerning the gesticulations, &c. necessary to the ecstasy of the Prophet; it is proper to observe, that the *Prince divine* is never so much possessed by inspiration, as when he is surrounded by pens, ink, and paper; for then it would amaze you to observe with what rapidity his hand shakes, his knees knock together, his eye-balls roll, his jaws chatter, and his whole frame is convulsed, till his great stomach has disgorged itself of the *wonderful burthen* with which it was so surprisngly distended.

To return---There cannot remain a doubt but that the oversetting of the B----p's cushion absolutely foreboded the DOWNFALL OF THE PROTESTANT CHURCH! more especially as it happened when the B----p was discoursing, as I said before, on the blessings of the present glorious Constitution, which, by many present, in my hearing, was rejected as *false doctrine*; and therefore no wonder that, agreeably to the wishes of these *wise* philosophers and *good* citizens, the *very Cushion* should, by an appropriate convulsion, resist the flagrant errors that were supposed to be broached; and in keen resentment refuse any longer to witness what it so much disapproved. I hear that it is about to be opened, and thoroughly examined; for it is shrewdly suspected to contain REPUBLICAN STUFFING; and that its present resistance,

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as every thing is wonderful in the present day, only foreshewed, with what ease it would submit to be lolled upon, when some future *more enlightened* Priest, in the *Age of Reason*, might indulge his propensity oratorically, philosophically and physically to overturn every dogma of that worn-out, thread-bare heresy, nicknamed *Divinity*; at the same time that he should elucidate the blessings to be experienced by his animated hearers, without being subjected to any other law or authority than what the *Commissioners* sent by *Convention* might dictate, in direct contradiction to *Magna Charta*, the *Bill of Rights*, or any other seditious libel upon the *Rights of the Sovereign People*! These matters are fully shewn by the approaching opposition of the Moon to the planet Jupiter, which may probably take place, if the present opinions of mankind are to be credited, about the beginning of May.

At this time also may appear *the History of the Reformation in England*, with many Notes illustrative and explanatory, by some of the prime writers on that grand subject.---But this by the bye---

The *slip of the Ch——r's foot*, certainly portended the TUMBLING DOWN OF ALL LAW AND JUSTICE; and this may not unaptly be a confirmation of what the Prophet says in the 64th page of his Second Part: " *Since that time the Lord God has told me by Revelation at night, ' That he would most*
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truly ENABLE me; for, if I liked, I SHOULD BE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL, AND CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER: *I should have any thing that I required!* “Immediately after this I heard another voice from Heaven say, THE LORD HAVE MERCY ON THEM, IF THEY HAD NOT YOU FOR THEIR FRIEND AND COUNSELLOR,” &c. Nor, as Westminster Hall, Houses of Parliament, Treasury, &c. are situated near the water, would I go so far as to deny that those ancient and noble buildings should form part of the *morning draught* of the amazing approaching vortex; more especially as Prince Richard has very confidently prophesied that the present is the last English Parliament that shall sit to consult upon matters of state; but shall

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And, like the baseless fabric of a vision.
Leave not a wreck behind!

That is to say, they will be like anchovies on a bit of bread and butter, to satiate the voracious appetite of the devouring monster. Indeed there is a great probability for all this, seeing that law and justice have been for some time off the watch, and fast asleep; by which means many, who richly deserve condign punishment for their *public interference*, by dint of their *lucky stars*---for I must speak scientifically---may escape!

But what shall we say of the Ch-----r's having no money in his pocket to put in the large altar

altar dish!---Here I am at some loss!---For of all men, gentlemen of the long robe are, in general stocked with plenty of cash.---This is a paradox, the most difficult that ever came under my judgments excepting it be that the practice having decreased of late, owing to some regulations by the Ch--f Just--e, a whole guinea could not be afforded for the poor; for the Ch-----r's attendants were compelled *to club* to make up the sum requisite; but this could not apply to the Ch-----r himself; for we hope he may never be in want of a guinea to do a good action! No, no, the matter lay deeper; herein may plainly be seen that, in consequence of the *blessed and glorious equality* which many of *our friends* shall gladly introduce, about, let me see, THE FIRST OF APRIL, as I before predicted, the L--d High Ch-----r of G---t B-----n will be reduced to such a degree of poverty and wretchedness, that he shall not have a guinea in his pocket, or a single friend, but with the greatest solicitation and difficulty to lend him one. This will happen much about the time that the city of London shall, in consequence of General Pichegru's arrival, be under the dominion of Saturn; when persons of the following description shall distinguish their talents, such as lack property; jealous, self-tormenting prigs; dreaming fops; crabbed eavesdroppers; raving, doating churls; hatchers and brooders

brooders of mischief; suspicious, distrustful
 slouches; polecatchers; closefisted, griping thieves;
 usurers, and pawnbrokers; Christian Jews, &c.

Thus I think I have very faithfully given as
 good judgment, in my humble way, as my great
 cotemporary and relation the *mighty Prince Richard
 the Prophet*, has in the more exalted. I have
 only to add, that I am about a very particular
 judgment of the sublunary effects of the eclipses
 this year; which, as it may relate to many *Royal
 vagabonds*, as some of my brother prognosticates
properly and respectfully distinguish them, I shall
 defer till another opportunity; contenting myself,
 however that I have endeavoured, in imitation of
 the Prophet and his many enlightened Seers, to
 throw in my mite of occult intelligence; which,
 if not of so extatic a nature, may have its use, in
 warding off some of the many catastrophes, which
 we *both* sincerely hope MAY NEVER HAPPEN. For
 myself, I am bold to say, that though I do not
 think I could fast *quite* so long as *three days and
 three nights*, I will do my best to attend the
 approaching Fast at the Abbey, which I hope will
 be full of those who dread worse things than I
 have mentioned, and who will beg to dispense
 with M. Pichegru's fraternity or liberty at present.
 I cannot help again lugging in, and concluding this
 profound prognostication with "*Astra regunt
 homines—sed Deus astra regit!!!*" Which is as
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much as to say that though we may be under ill-natured Stars, there is ONE ABOVE who can direct them to our advantage!!!

After all, I cannot believe that our country will be so utterly devoted, but that even *the most part* of it may escape the general desolation, so much to be dreaded; because I entertain a distant hope, that, in consequence of many Benevolencies which I could name, not to mention that *trifling* one of CHARITY, which somewhere is declared,---*to cover a multitude of sins*, we may still find some small acceptance with the Almighty, so that he will not only preserve us harmless—but *will send his Angel to scatter our more profane and wicked enemies on every side!!!*



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I FIND that I have a new relation and competitor, in the person of NATHANIEL BRASSEY HALHED, Esq. M. P. who is also *commanded* by *Prince Richard* to REVEAL !

Now, by my art, I am also *commanded* to tell him, though he may be dubbed a descendant from the tribe of Judah and of the house of David, that the Prophets *Isaiah* and *Ezekiel*, *our masters*, deliver the *word of the LORD* in the following remarkable sentences :

“I am the Lord, that stretcheth forth the heavens alone,—that frustrateth the tokens of the *lyars*, and maketh *diviners mad*.” *Isai. xlv. 24, 25.*

“*My hand shall be upon the Prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies;*” what follows seems to affect Mr. Halhed personally—*they shall not be the ASSEMBLY of my people. Ezech. xiii. 9.*

I think this prophecy is as likely to become true as any of those by the prince, or his reformed Seer and Christian Jew !!!—A British Senator !!! A Scholar !!!—one of whom I should be very sorry to say that—*too much learning hath made him MAD !!!—*